

Greetings, fellow Tigers!

Our campus is thriving with the sights and sounds of students as they stroll through our beautiful campus among the most brilliant fall hues of yellow, orange and red leaves. As we watch the students wear colorful masks and maintain physical distance from each other, I am reminded of our strong and determined spirit to triumph during the most difficult situations. Whether they are in a virtual or physical classroom or on a field of competition, our students are a true testament to perseverance and success in our daily quest for excellence. They are helping us build a stronger University, following the example of previous generations who came before them and paving the way for future Tigers to follow in their footsteps.

Clemson's history began with a remarkable vision and transformational gift from Thomas Green and Anna Calhoun Clemson. Their generous spirit that founded our University continues to inspire alumni and friends to follow their example and provide philanthropic support to ensure that Clemson will become a more nationally recognized University and allow our students to perform and excel on an international stage.

Friday, October 16 will be recorded as a historical day for our great University – wherein we celebrated a wonderful couple, Billy and Ann Powers from Florence, South Carolina, who made an investment of \$60 million to name the College of Business – the first named college at Clemson. This is the **largest gift** in the history of Clemson University, one of the largest gifts ever given to a college or university in South Carolina and the **largest** gift from a Clemson alumnus. Billy and Ann Powers are two of the kindest and most outstanding individuals I have ever known, and it was a tremendous honor to play a small role in their magnificent gift. President Clements and his entire leadership team continue to raise the bar for attracting and securing transformational gifts that are propelling Clemson forward. Please see highlights and more information from the historic gift announcement [here](#).



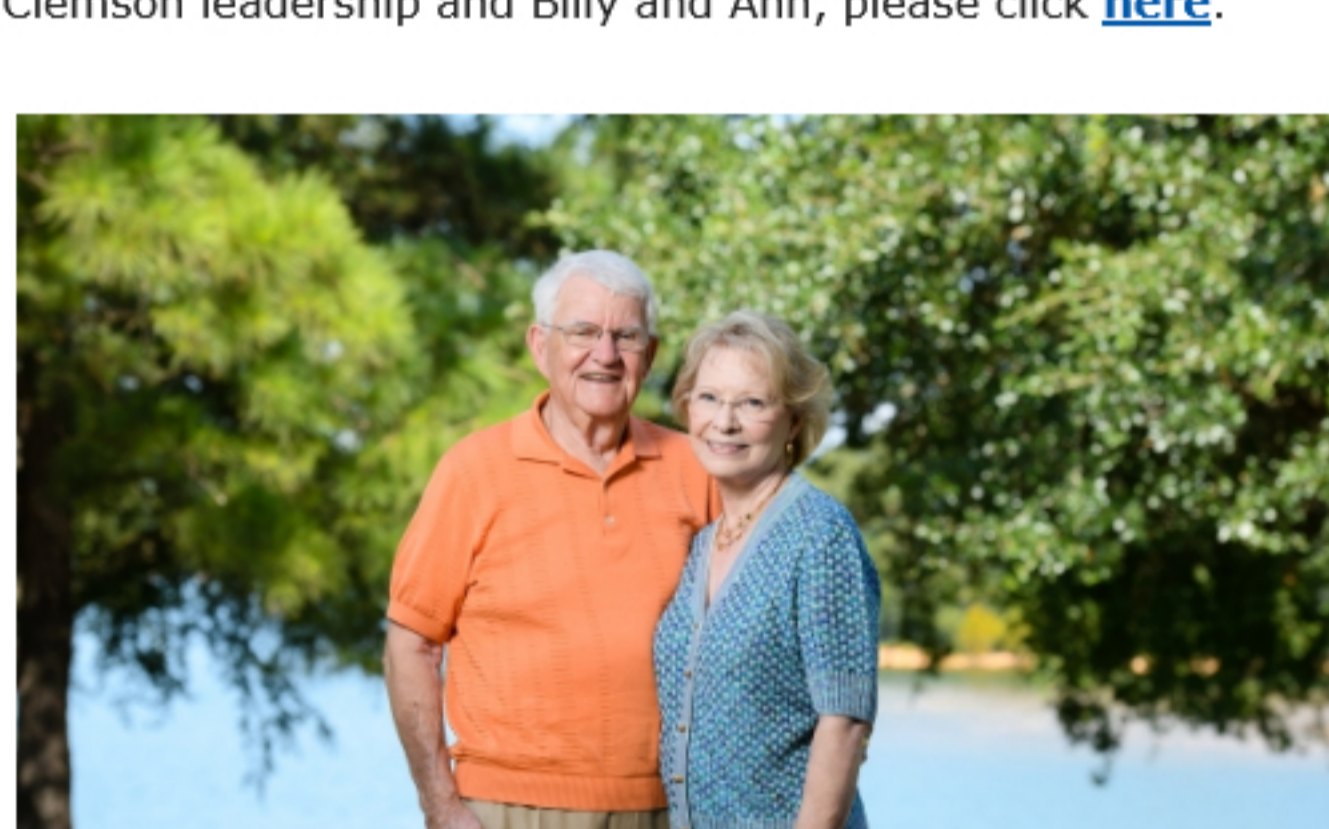
To honor Billy and Ann's historic investment, the College of Business will be named the **Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business**. Their gift will serve as a catalyst to help Dean Wendy York and her team create one of the most dynamic and top business education programs in the country, shaping and positively impacting Clemson students to be outstanding leaders. The new state-of-the-art business building will allow our students to receive a world-class education in a captivating 176,000 square foot facility, located in the historic district of campus, directly across from Sikes Hall and Bowman Field.

The gorgeous complex, which opened this fall to our students, will be named the **Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business**, as a physical marker and in recognition of Billy and Ann's extraordinary generosity. The South Tower will be named **Chandler L. Burns Hall** in memory of Billy and Ann's grandson, Chandler, who died from an unexpected illness in 2016. A proud 2015 Clemson graduate, Chandler received his bachelor's degree from the Neri Family Department of Construction Science and Management. He will forever be remembered for his heartwarming smile, strong work ethic, and his love and devotion for all things Clemson. I cannot imagine a more meaningful and appropriate way to honor Chandler's legacy of boundless commitment and enormous Clemson pride than to name an educational space in the new **Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business** in honor of him. Seeing how someone could love so deeply and accomplish so much in such a short amount of time is truly inspiring. Chandler lived a purpose-driven life, and he enjoyed every moment of it. You can read more about Billy and Ann Powers with a special tribute to Chandler Burns [here](#).



Billy and Ann's generous gift will also support faculty instruction and research in several signature programs, provide student scholarship support and hands-on learning opportunities for our students. It will also allow us to attract, reward and retain exceptional educators. Together, these key elements will enhance and allow our business school to compete on a national level.

Billy was born in Timmonsville, South Carolina where his father was a minister and the family owned a farm and a country store. Billy attended Clemson from 1953 to 1956, and when his father became ill, he made the difficult decision to leave Clemson. Billy, with his wife, Ann, went on to build a prosperous career and become one of Clemson's most successful alumni and a top entrepreneur in our state. Billy and Ann have been partners in life and business for more than 38 years. In 1965, Billy launched his own business, Powers Construction, which has grown into a large-scale construction firm – building schools, churches, condominiums and government buildings across the Carolinas. Billy and Ann then worked to establish 50 other businesses stretching from Mexico to Canada. Ann and Billy are renowned for their quiet philanthropy to those in need, and they live each day in service to others. To watch the full announcement with special messages from Clemson leadership and Billy and Ann, please click [here](#).



Billy and Ann's philanthropic spirit is an inspiration, and it ignites something in each of us as we consider how we can leave the world a better place. One of our hearts are full of gratitude for their vision and selfless generosity to help Clemson educate and prepare the next generation of entrepreneurs and leaders who will address the grand challenges of our world. Their investment in the **Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business** will be a lasting tribute to their legacy, and their gift will have a profound impact on future Clemson students and the communities in which they will live and serve. Thank you, Billy and Ann, for your outstanding servant-leadership and extraordinary philanthropy. Clemson is forever grateful for your generous and unwavering commitment to our great University.



Transformational investments require meaningful thought, consideration and careful planning. We hope that you will reach out to our team to help you explore the benefits of philanthropy. It is always our pleasure to assist you and your family members as you craft a vision for your legacy. We have useful online resources you can access and navigate at your convenience. You may also visit our [website](#) or send a personal email to us at [giving@clemson.edu](mailto:giving@clemson.edu). In addition, you can find information about IRA Charitable Qualified Distribution (QCD) benefits [here](#). For information about general estate planning, please download our free [Wills Guide](#), which is designed to help you navigate your thoughts and plans before you visit with your attorney and/or financial advisors. We say it often, "It's a wonderful time to be a Clemson Tiger", and this statement roars louder and clearer than ever before as we honor Billy and Ann Powers and celebrate the most impactful and significant investment to Clemson University since the establishment of Clemson College in 1889.

Please join us in celebrating Clemson today, tomorrow and forever!

With gratitude,



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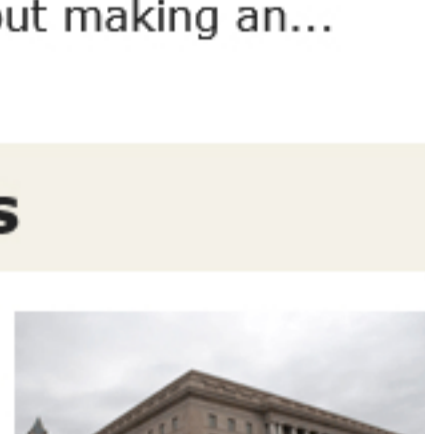


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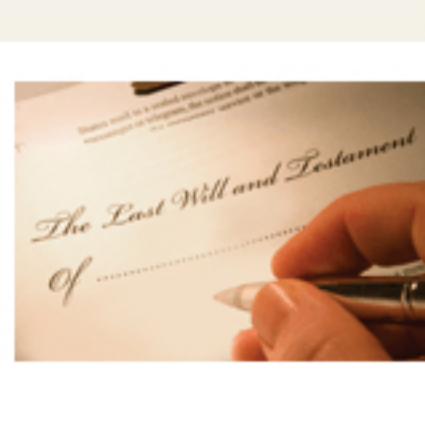


## Washington News

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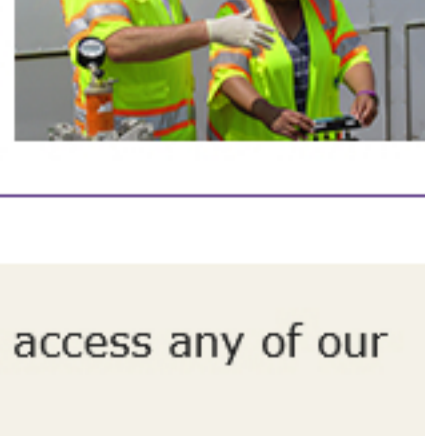


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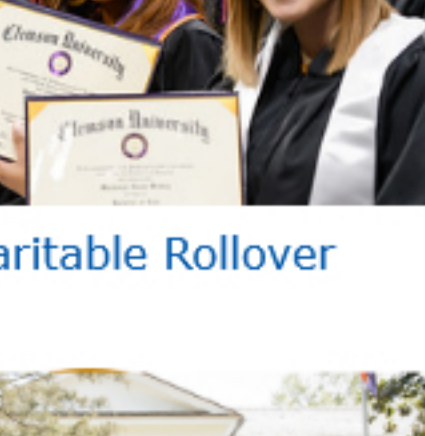


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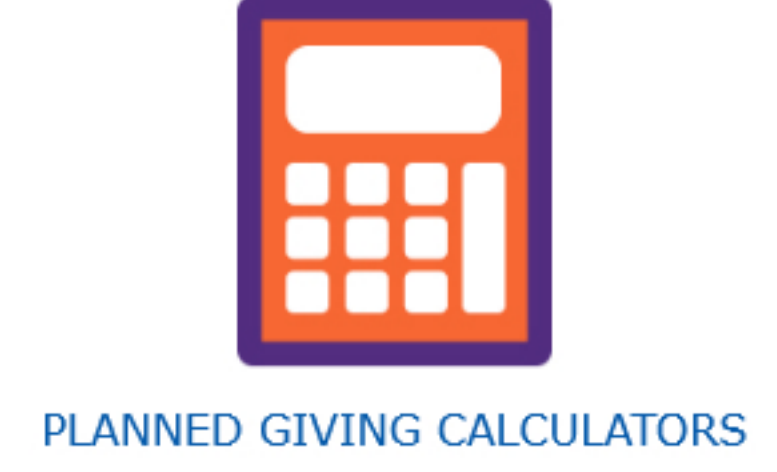
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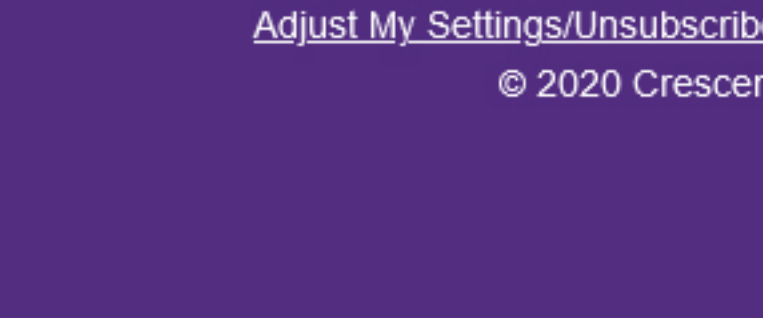
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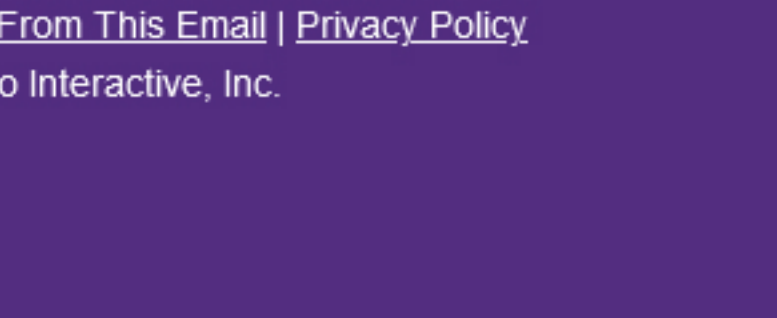
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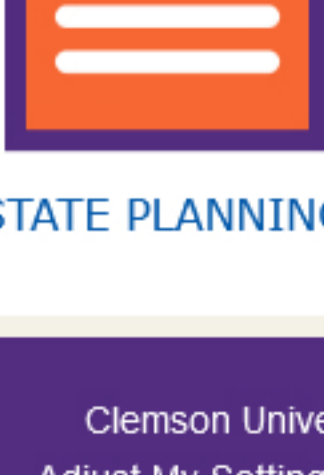
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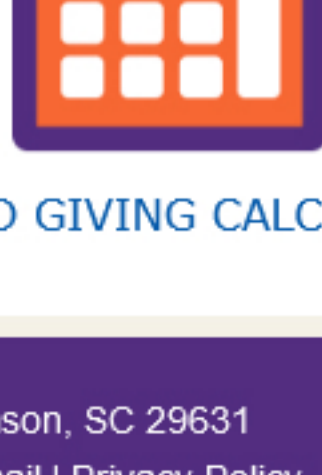
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